

Tribal Court State Court Forum
Survey Responses: 2018 Focus Areas

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**Question: During the November Forum meeting, the following topics were identified as important to the work of the Forum.
Please review the topics and pick the five you believe should be the primary focus of the Forum for 2018.**

Focus Areas	Category	Responses	Percent
Allow tribal court orders to be uploaded directly into MNCIS so state court judges have access to them and so they can be passed to the BCA for enforcement if needed	Records access	13	11.82%
Provide "Tribal Court 101" training to MN Sheriffs' Association and MN County Attorney's Association	Training	8	7.27%
Ensure implementation of both the letter of the law and the spirit of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)	Training	8	7.27%
Provide MNCIS access to tribal court judges	Records access	7	6.36%
Maintain contact between tribal court and state court systems	Relationship Building	7	6.36%
Include training/education about Forum topics every year at MN Association of Judges Conference (Maddens) and Annual Conference of Judges	Training	7	6.36%
Include "Tribal Court State Court Forum Update" as standing item at quarterly state court bench meetings	Relationship Building	7	6.36%
Include one non-voting seat on the Judicial Council for tribal court judge	Relationship Building	6	5.45%
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Communicate with MN County Attorneys' Association and Law Enforcement Associations to ensure they are knowledgeable about tribal court and state court issues	Relationship Building	6	5.45%
Ensure tribal court judges are invited to Annual Conference of Judges (need accurate email/phone information for tribal court judges)	Training	5	5.62%
Include tribal/state counterparts in listening. For example, if listening session in Red Lake, then have state court judges attend to listen to concerns, or vice versa	Relationship Building	5	4.55%
Invite court administrators from tribal court and state court to Forum meetings	Engaging Others in Forum Work	5	4.55%
Include training/education about Forum topics every year at MN Association of Judges Conference (Maddens) and Annual Conference of Judges	Relationship Building	4	3.64%
Monitoring federal and state law changes and pending legislation that may impact state or tribal courts	Legislation	4	3.64%
Develop an electronic quarterly newsletter to communicate to tribal court and state court judges and court administration	Engaging Others in Forum Work	4	3.64%
Encourage districts courts to invite tribal court judges to district bench meetings	Engaging Others in Forum Work	4	3.64%
Send Forum meeting summaries to colleagues (agendas and meeting summaries are posted on the Forum website)	Engaging Others in Forum Work	2	1.82%
Recruit more Forum members	Engaging Others in Forum Work	1	0.97%
No responses	Other	0	0.00%

	Total	89	
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